

# The INTERCHANGE

The official newsletter for Indiana state employees



## Home provides opportunity to help entire child

In the summer of 1865, the Indiana Soldier's and Sailor's Children's Home (ISSCH) opened its doors to the orphans and destitute children of Civil War Union Army veterans. Over 140 years later, the home still offers care, education and maintenance to Indiana children with ties to U.S. veterans.

Paul Wilkinson, the home's superintendent, says the home's mission has changed little since it opened its doors. The mission is still to provide for the well being of the entire child. He is quick to offer that his staff is very concerned and involved with the children. "This year we have 12 kids not going anywhere for Thanksgiving," he said. "But once word got out about the children, he said he had 14 members of his staff who offered their home to the children."

Today ISSCH is home to 140 children, whose ages range from six to 19. The children at ISSCH usually come from single parent homes, and the family is usually still involved with the child, according to Wilkinson. There are requirements to living at the home: the child must be educable, must not be a danger to themselves or to others, must be a relative of a military veteran and there's a screening process that takes into account the child's history.

Thirty-four teachers provide schooling from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and school is taught year-round. ISSCH is accredited and provides a full academic program. Educational opportunities include vocational programs, a student-operated radio station, 4-H, veterinary science, culinary arts and graphic arts programs. An additional 104 students from the community are enrolled in ISSCH's vocational program. The vocational program offers certification in cosmetology, barbering and dental assistant program. The school also offers an athletic program and is sanctioned by the Indiana High School Athletic Association. Both boys and girls can compete in several different sports.

In response to the Governor's INShape Indiana program, and because, according to Wilkinson, "many of the kids do not come from backgrounds that practice good nutrition," ISSCH launched a wellness program for both students and staff. The home

has a swimming pool, skating rink, gymnasium, playing fields and affords many the opportunity to exercise.

An additional 151 state employees are on the home's payroll. Their jobs range from house parents to maintenance workers to office workers to whatever-it-takes to keep the facility operating. For instance, with the holiday season in full swing, office workers often take to spending their spare time shopping for the children, making sure each child has gifts to open.

In May 2007 the home will host its largest graduating class of seniors, a class of 26. Most of those students came to the home in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If past performance is any indication, 80 percent of those graduating will enroll in college, with 45 percent of them completing their college education. The remaining students will either enlist in the military or be hired as a result of the home's vocational program.

### January smoking cessation classes announced

Sign up now for help in stopping to smoke. The next round of classes will start Thursday, Jan. 4 and continue every Thursday through Feb. 1. Class times are 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and are held in the Indiana Government Center South, Foyer 3 East.

Class size is limited so contact Barb Knott at 317.233.3282 to register today!



Happy Holidays!

Original artwork by Jerry Williams of the State Personnel Department.

## IDEM team members top the challenge

Each fall the Indiana Sports Corporation hosts the Corporate Challenge. This competition features a number of opportunities for corporations and agencies to showcase their athletic abilities.

For the first time in the history of the Challenge, a state agency entered. And won. Big time won. IDEM walked away with the overall wins in both the Division 3 and the Public Works Division and came away with a second in total overall points.

The competition consisted of a number of events: 5k run, competitive walk and fitness walk; 10k, ½ mile and Medley relay runs; basketball shoot out, golf chipping, tug of war, Frisbee toss and football accuracy toss. The IDEM team also donated 300

The IDEM team also contributed over 500 lbs. of food and \$350 of the \$592 (contributed from all teams) to Gleaners Food Bank. Additionally, IDEM donated over 300 lbs. of used sporting goods for the Geared for Youth program.

According to David Appel, IDEM's Health & Safety Director, "not only was the team very successful in the competition but also very successful in creating camaraderie and new friendships. Everyone that participated had a great time and is looking forward to competing next year and defending our title." IDEM would like to challenge other state agencies to compete in the 2007 Corporate Challenge.

### Holiday closings

Just a reminder that during December and January, state offices will be closed December 25 and 26 and January 1 and 15, in observance of Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, respectively.



And the winners are: IDEM's winning team, pictured with Gov. Mitch Daniels and INShape Director Eric Neuburger are: Brenda Mathews, Joan Worley, Lisa Smith, Alfred Dumual, Sandra Roberts, Dave Appel, Lynne Sullivan, Pat Beeler, Ed Cohen, Jim Lindley, Yasser Elkhatab, Ken Paul, Lori Garrand, Chris Halloran, Chris Sorensen, Jennifer Reno, Mary Hollingsworth, Angie Lee, Ruth Williams, Jim Sullivan, Charles Grady, John Crawford, Jeff Moody, Daniel Mains, David Forsee, Jennifer Wingstrom, Joe Woods, Sean Gorman, Bruce Palin, Rick Roudebush, Stu Miller, Mia Coltrane, Terry Ressler, Kim Wade, Ken Ritter, Rosemary Cantwell, Lance Mabry, Matt Baller and Patrick Burton.

Not pictured are: Tom Easterly, Eric Levenhagen, Steve Griffin, Matt Klein, Gary Romesser, Tracy Barnes, Kimball Jones, Ali Stephan, Ernest Johnson.

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## Credit Union extends offers to state employees

Indiana Members Credit Union has at least three offers for State employees this month. The first is an invitation to celebrate Member Appreciation Day on Friday, Dec. 15.

Members are encouraged to visit their nearest branch to take part in a celebration of the credit union's \$1 billion in 50 years. Each branch will offer refreshments and door prize drawings.

The second event is for members to open a Cubbie Savings Account for a special child and split your direct deposit amount to the child's account. From now until Dec. 21, all Cubbie Club members can register to win a cuddly bear. One bear will be awarded at each of the 24 branches.

And finally, Indiana Members Credit Union is boasting a holiday mortgage special of \$900 closing costs for

either buying or refinancing. For more information on any of these offers, contact your local Indiana Members Credit Union branch.

For mortgage information, you can also contact Mortgage Services at 317.817.9700.

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## Plan your next family trip - to college

The college planning process can be an overwhelming task for many Hoosier parents. To help parents along the path to college planning, the Indiana Youth Institute has developed a Web site for parents of students in grades K-12, called Trip To College(tm). This free program is a step-by-step resource to help families find and fund a college education. On the Trip To College Web site, parents can find a college planning timeline; facts, figures and information about preparing and paying for their child's college education; information on Indiana colleges and more.

Results from recent surveys showed that many Hoosier parents and their children do not begin planning for college until their children are well

into high school. Moreover, few parents have the information they need to help their children make informed choices about college and their future career. Trip To College provides easy to understand information custom-tailored for your family's situation. Visit [www.TripToCollege.org](http://www.TripToCollege.org), and start your trip today!

Also, be sure to encourage your middle-school student to visit Drive of Your Life ([www.DriveofYourLife.org](http://www.DriveofYourLife.org)), the Indiana Youth Institute's Indiana-specific video game-style Web site that helps middle-school students learn more about themselves, higher education and careers. Both Drive of Your Life and Trip To College are supported by the Lilly Endowment, Inc.



**Taking a breather:** Department of Revenue employees and friends take a walk on the new Trail 9 at Pokagan State Park as part of the INShape Indiana DNR Day, Sept. 9th. From left to right: Stephanie Glasper (granddaughter of Trail 9 trailblazer), Samatha, Emma and Alexandra Gaff (foreground); Janet Shupe Heather Gaff, and Christine and Steve Roscoe. Shupe, Gaff and Steve Roscoe are all from the Fort Wayne District Office. Photo taken by Fred Wooley, Park Interpreter.

## Reduced ticket prices offered for Beauty and the Beast



The Indianapolis Civic Theatre is offering an exclusive \$5 ticket discount to State employees for its spectacular holiday musical production of **DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**, playing December 14 through January 7.

Add magic to your holidays! Disney's lavish stage version of the Academy Award-winning animated film brings to life the beloved "tale as old as time" in a memorable musical production.

Disney's lavish stage version of the Academy Award-winning animated feature film is filled with theatrical magic and illusion, from a bewitched castle to animated household objects.

Fantastic costumes bring the illustrious characters to life, including the kindly teapot, pompous mantle clock and the debonair candelabra.

Set in a charming French provincial town, this enchanting "tale as old as time" returns to the Civic Theatre's stage. A determined young woman, Belle, trades her freedom trying to save her father from the clutches of a hideous creature.

Before the spell that turned this handsome prince into a monstrous Beast can be broken, he must earn her love. And time is running out. "Belle", "Be Our Guest", "If I Can't Love Her" and the title song will leave you with lasting holiday memories.

The play runs from Thursday, December 14 through Sunday, January 7. The performances are at 7 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. There will be no production on Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve.

**\$5 Ticket Discount for State Employees**  
**Call (317) 923-4597 for reservations!**

**This special offer must be mentioned at time of reservation and cannot be combined with any other coupon or discount offer. There is a limit of four tickets and this offer expires Jan. 7, 2007.**

The Indianapolis Civic Theatre is located at 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis, on the campus of Marian College.

For more information about the show, visit [www.civictheatre.org](http://www.civictheatre.org).





# INDIANA STATE EMPLOYEE NIGHT WITH THE INDIANA ICE

**-YOU PICK THE GAME-**

**DECEMBER 8, 2006**

**VS SIOUX FALLS STAMPEDE**

**7:00 PM PEPSI COLISEUM**

**Pirates**  
of the **Coliseum**

- HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN A TRIP FOR FOUR TO WALT DISNEY WORLD
- HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN COPIES OF THE NEW DVD *PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST*

OR COME OUT ON

**DECEMBER 9, 2006**

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**DISCOUNTED TICKET PRICES**

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**State of Indiana employees, family & friends**

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or call Jason at the Ice: (317)925-4423 x205**

**DISCOUNT NOT AVAILABLE AT THE BOX OFFICE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Game Choice: 12/8 \_\_\_\_\_ 12/9 \_\_\_\_\_

# of tickets @\$11 \_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets @\$7 \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Payment: Check, MC, VISA, AMEX, DISC

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Indiana Ice  
Send to: Indiana Ice, C/O State Employee Night  
1202 East 38<sup>th</sup> St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46205

For more information call:  
Jason Burkman  
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(317) 925-4423 x205

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**BUY ONE ADMISSION,  
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INDIANA STATE MUSEUM**

**You must present this coupon at the Indiana State Museum ticket office at the time of purchase to receive the discount.**

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# That's classified information!



State employees submitting items for sale must agree to the following rules:

- Contact information must include either a phone number (home or cell, no state numbers) or a home e-mail address. Include your area code!

- Ads must be submitted via e-mail to [pwarnick@spd.in.gov](mailto:pwarnick@spd.in.gov), the items must be included in the body of the e-mail, no photos or attachments are allowed. No bold or italic type, no ALL CAPS.

- There is a limit of one ad per employee per issue. Each ad has a limit of three items.

- Deadline is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the next issue.

- If garage sale, need to list times, date, street address and town.

- No real estate, for sale or rent.

- No Avon, Mary Kay, vitamins, etc.

- No businesses or professional services (i.e., tax preparation, car repair, animal breeding, etc.).

- State Personnel Department staff reserves the right to edit and/or refuse any ads.

XI Legend Magnum compound bow, 60-75 # draw weight w/ 65% let off, new string, quiver, 10 arrows, plastic carrying case, assorted points & extras.\$130. Call Bill, 317.796.3492.

Simple but elegant strapless wedding dress from David's Bridal, size 12, zips in back; veil, tiara, garter; knife set to cut cake; guest book. Items never worn & still in original package. Price for all items: \$1,200 or obo. Call 317.885.6878 or email at [shadiness@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shadiness@sbcglobal.net).

Five-year-old sofa & loveseat by Flexsteel; great shape, tan & burgundy; all pillows included. \$400. Contact Todd at 317.884.0350 or e-mail [toddtrinkle@hotmail.com](mailto:toddtrinkle@hotmail.com).

Sofa sleeper, high end, like new, almost never used, off white with light blue pin stripes. \$400 obo. Pin Ball machine, 1970's, needs repair. \$50 obo. Call 765.342.7099 leave message.

Couch & loveseat, sage green, Chanell fabric; excellent condition; purchased from Kittle's. \$600. Call Jackee at 317.299.5408.

1994 purple Pontiac Sunbird convertible; runs good, needs some work; 162,000 mi. \$750 obo. Phone 317.437.5649.

Mid-1800's rocker. \$300. Multicolored recliner/rocker with 2 speed massager. \$125. Cherry hutch with light inside. \$300. Call Melissa, 317.989.6831.

2001 Corn Pro Gooseneck livestock/ horse combo trailer; 20' Long, 6x8 (Tall/ Wide), 6000# axles, middle cut gate; front enclosed, needs finished. \$4,250 or OBO. Phone 765.533.6740.

Paying cash for old lures & wooden plugs, rods, reels & old fishing tackle paperwork for my collection. Call Michael at 317.513.2299 or e-mail at [mda@indy.net](mailto:mda@indy.net).

Teleconverter lenses, cable release & remote control release for a Pentax SLR camera. Call Char at 317.933.9329.

Men's tap shoes, size 9; worn 2-3 times. \$50. Call 317.255.3244 or e-mail [Rkirk1937@aol.com](mailto:Rkirk1937@aol.com).

1986 Bass Ranger boat with trailer; Evinrude 150 hp motor, 2 fish finders, Minnkota trolling motor and lots of extras! Very nice! \$4,000. Electronic basketball arcade game with three basketballs; folds into its own cabinet; never used. \$75. E-mail [wildcatky@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wildcatky@sbcglobal.net).

Free adult cat; "Carmel" is a 7-yr-old male cat, neutered, had a tendonotomy (similar to declaw). He must be an only pet. Interested? Email: [phlebinstructor@yahoo.com](mailto:phlebinstructor@yahoo.com); phone: 219.879.4279.

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## Low cost/no cost tools to battle what ails you

The cold and flu season is upon us. This year we have extra help at combating the ills of the season with the announcement that some pharmacies are offering low cost or no cost generic prescriptions.

Wal-Mart launched the first volley, offering generic prescriptions for \$4 per prescription fill or refill (up to a 30-day supply). Wal-Mart's program offers up to 300 different generics with the \$4 price tag. Sam's Club and Neighborhood Markets are also participating in the program. Log onto Wal-Mart's web site to see what drugs are included in the program ([www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com)). Target has since announced it will match Wal-Mart's offer.

Then along came Meijer. This program offers free prescriptions for oral generic antibiotics with a special focus on the prescriptions most often filled for children. The following are free with your doctor's prescription, regardless of insurance or co-pay: Amoxicillin, Cephalexin, SMZ-TMP, Ciprofloxacin, Ampicillin, Penicillin VK and Erythromycin. The list is subject to change.

Meijer's program limits the drug to a 14-day supply at normal dosage and the prescription must be picked up in person at the store. For more information on any of these programs, contact the participating pharmacy.

Interested in learning a new skill for your job? Log on to the Training Division's Web site to see what's available: <http://intranet.spd.state.in.us/training/0homepag.htm>